



COMMENDATIONS REPORT FOR AUGUST 2006

Employee	Commendation
Records Unit Staff	Rachel Brown, the Special Claims Unit Supervisor for the State's Crime Victim's Compensation Program wrote to thank the staff in our Records Unit for their quick response to her requests for police reports. She states that this group is always responsive and gets the reports to her office in a very timely way, making it possible to get to the business of helping the victims of crime. Those efforts are truly appreciated.
Pct. 3 deputies	Chief Jim Zoll of the Enumclaw Police Department wrote Sheriff Rahr to extend his appreciation and gratitude to the deputies who assisted Enumclaw Officer Tony Ryan when he was injured in the line of duty.
42 KCSO Deputies and Explorers	The Muckleshoot Tribal Police wrote to thank the KCSO deputies and explorers who not only provided security but joined in the festivities at the multi-tribal gathering known as the Canoe Journey, 2006. The Muckleshoot Tribe was host to many tribes from Canada, Oregon, Alaska and Washington for a week of camping and celebrating. Representatives of many of the tribes communicated their pleasure in the participation of the uniformed security and the resulting affects of a safe and peaceful gathering of over 3,000 people.
Rodney Chinnick	Deputy Chinnick received a card from the family of a man who died in his home in late July. The widow and her family were most impressed with Rodney's compassion and professionalism, and felt the time he spent with them was very valuable.
Robin Cleary, Major Crimes	Sgt. D.B. Gates received a very complimentary letter from King County Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Jim Ferrell regarding the handling of an assault, rape, harassment and unlawful imprisonment case that occurred in November, 2004. He singled out Detective Robin Cleary for her work in coordinating evidence collection and her established relationship with the victim and witnesses. "I can honestly say, in the 11 years that I have been a prosecutor...this was the most thorough and professional investigation that I have ever seen." With the assistance of other department investigators and evidence specialists, this case was brought to justice.
John Decker, K-9	The Chief of the ATF Canine Training and Operations Support Branch wrote the Sheriff to thank Detective John Decker who represented KCSO in Front Royal, Virginia at the ATF Canine Training Center earlier this month. John was invited to participate as a subject matter expert with an excellent reputation within the national explosives detection canine community, and was highly recognized, respected, and well-received by his peers at the conference.
D.B. Gates and Jon Mattsen, CID	Lt. Robert D. Young, with the Michigan State Police wrote to Sheriff Rahr to thank these two sergeants for the well received presentation they made at the Michigan State Police Academy about the Green River Murders. He felt the information invaluable and commends the Sergeants for the exceptional job they did in presenting the important information.

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Sheree Johnsey	Sheree is a call receiver/dispatcher in our Communications Center. She received a call from a man who was reporting a road rage incident. Deputies were dispatched and the suspect was arrested, but what impressed the caller was the treatment he received when he called 911 and Sheree answered the phone. She calmed and reassured him that help was on the way. He stated that he feels his grandmother, who lives alone in one of our contract cities, is in safe hands.
Eric Lewis	A detective with the Tukwila PD was off duty and made a traffic stop, only to find that the driver had multiple warrants. KCSO Deputy Lewis stopped to check on the Tukwila detective's status and then insisted that Detective Early head on home and that he would take it from there. The Detective was very impressed with this generous offer and wanted Eric's supervisors to know how appreciative he was that Eric handled things so professionally and graciously.
Kurt Litsjo, Pct. 4	The Sheriff received a letter from a couple who were traveling in the Seattle area and involved in a minor car accident in their rental car, on July 1 st . No one was injured but this couple felt Deputy Litsjo was professional, efficient and caring throughout the ordeal and helped these visitors have a positive experience in King County.
Cynthia Osborne, Pct. 4, Boulevard Park Storefront	A citizen of King County who lives in the area supported by Deputy Osborne, the neighborhood Storefront deputy in the Boulevard Park area, wrote to thank her for her genuine caring attitude and willingness to communicate her interest regarding issues in their neighborhood. He did not mention a specific incident, but instead, said he felt Deputy Osborne is an asset to their neighborhood and the KCSO, and gave people positive experiences with law enforcement.
Brian Palmer, Fraud/Computer Forensics	King County Prosecutors Mark Larson and Michael Mohandeson wrote to thank Detective Palmer for his perseverance and expertise regarding the collection and analysis of critical digital video surveillance footage of the crime scene in a recent murder investigation. The PAs felt Brian went above and beyond the call of duty, committing hours to an investigation that was chiefly being done by another agency. His expertise was the needed piece to solving this case and bringing it to justice.
Pat Saulet, Pct 3	Deputy Saulet was a welcome sight when he met up with a woman who had had her purse stolen in Kent on August 11. An employee at a bank in Renton found her purse and called the KCSO. Deputy Saulet contacted the purse's owner and arranged to meet with her on his way home from work. The woman stated in her thank you letter that she felt protected and respected after they met, and impressed that this deputy would go out of his way to return her property personally.
Scott Somers and deputies, Special Operations	SPD Chief Gil Kerlikowski wrote the Sheriff to thank Chief Scott Somers and his officers for their assistance with the shooting/hostage situation at the Jewish Federation Building on July 28 th .
Eric White, Shoreline	Captain Pingrey received a call from a citizen about the actions of one of the Shoreline officers. This person called to let the captain know that he was in a car accident and Officer White responded to the scene, and was exceptionally courteous and polite and "...made a bad situation better".